Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 17 May 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 18 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 13:21 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high confidence over the coming days but lower for rainfall detail on Wednesday in terms of location.

Headline for Wednesday 17 May 2023: A fine, dry morning but some rain in the north later.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 17 May 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	40%	40%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 17 May 2023

Weather: A generally fine and dry morning with high cloud making sunshine hazy. Thicker cloud pushing in from the west during the afternoon with outbreaks of rain following behind in the north into the evening. Winds picking up in association with the rain.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% becoming 40% in the north later in the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good visibility, perhaps temporarily dropping to moderate in rain in the north later in the day. Scattered low cloud pushing in from the west from around mid-afternoon, mainly in the north, base 600-800m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	11/14 N	14/16 SW	13/17 S	18/24 SW	23/32 SW	26/36 SW	26/36 SW	24/33 SW	22/31 SW
900	6/9 NW	8/11 W	10/13 SW	13/19 SW	19/27 SW	21/31 SW	20/29 SW	19/27 SW	18/26 SW
600	5/7 S	8/11 SW	9/13 SW	14/20 SW	20/29 SW	22/32 SW	22/31 SW	20/28 SW	18/26 SW
300	3/5 SW	5/7 S	6/9 S	9/15 SW	13/22 SW	15/25 SW	12/21 SW	10/19 SW	10/18 SW
Glen	4/6 W	3/5 SW	3/8 SW	8/15 SW	12/23 SW	13/25 SW	10/20 SW	8/18 SW	8/18 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-1/-6	-1/-6	0/-5	1/-4	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5	2/-4
900	2/-1	2/-2	3/-1	5/0	6/1	5/-0	4/-1	4/-1	4/-0
600	5/3	4/1	5/2	6/3	8/3	7/3	7/2	6/2	6/2
300	7/6	7/5	8/6	9/7	10/7	10/7	9/6	9/6	9/6
Glen	8/7	8/7	9/9	11/10	12/10	12/9	11/9	10/9	10/9
Freezing Level*	1100m	1300m	1300m	1300m	1400m	1500m	1700m	2000m	2000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling cold at height despite the pleasant temperatures at lower levels.

Forecast for Thursday 18 May 2023
Weather: Cloudy with patchy light rain through much of the day, best of the brighter conditions in the south during the morning. Generally clearing to the east during the evening to leave a dry and bright end to the day.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 10-15 mph gusting 25 mph, easing late afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in the north and 70% in the south at first, decreasing to 30% by around lunchtime, improving to 90% into the evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Scattered low cloud in the north at first, base 500-700m, becoming widespread across the region by early afternoon, clearing into the evening. Visibility temporarily reducing to moderate in rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10 rising to plus 14 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 rising to plus 7 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above summits.

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